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DEFENDANT DISMISSED FROM RECENT WIRETAP CASE PLEADS GUILTY IN RELATED CASE

Terrell Gray, a convicted felon, admitted to possessing a firearm which was connected to the drug trafficking and gun conspiracy charges dismissed last week

LOUISVILLE, KY - Terrell Allen Gray, age 33, of Louisville, Kentucky, in Jefferson County, pled guilty to possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today. Gray was one of 11 defendants in the wiretap case pending before Judge Russell, which was dismissed last week after the suppression of the wiretap evidence was upheld on appeal. Reggie Rice is the only remaining defendant in that case.¹

On Thursday, August 23, the United States Attorney filed an Information charging Gray with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Today, Gray admitted that on May 21, 2004, he possessed a Glock, Model 23, .40 caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun in Atlanta, Georgia. This firearm was connected to the gun and drug trafficking conspiracy charged in the wiretap case dismissed against Gray last week. In 2001, Gray was convicted of a felony in Jefferson County state court, specifically Trafficking in Marijuana (under 8 oz) while in Possession of a Firearm.

¹While the drug trafficking charges in the Indictment cannot go forward against Rice without the wiretap evidence, the United States is intending to pursue illegal firearms possession charges in the Indictment for which non-wiretap evidence can be used. Rice, who was convicted of felony drug possession in Jefferson Circuit Court in 1996 cannot lawfully possess a firearm.

The maximum potential penalties are 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Amy Sullivan. The Louisville and Atlanta Field Office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) conducted the investigation in partnership with the Atlanta Police Department, as part of ATF's mandated mission to reduce violent crime and other threats to public safety.

The plea was entered before Judge Dave Whalin, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky. Judge Whalin has ordered a presentence investigation. Sentencing should be scheduled before Judge Simpson in approximately eight to ten weeks.

Gray is scheduled to be sentenced on November 21, 2007, at 3:30 p.m., in Louisville, Kentucky. Gray will remain in custody pending sentencing.